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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

September 11, 1973

Hon. Thomas J. Cuite
The Council
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Tom:

The City Council has passed and I have signed legislation to change the name of a 147-acre island in New York City's East River from Welfare Island to Franklin D. Roosevelt Island. The formal dedication will be held on Monday, September 24, which will be proclaimed Franklin D. Roosevelt Island Day, in ceremonies that will include the unveiling of the official model of the Four Freedoms Foundation Monument to President Roosevelt. This will be an important event in the life of our City and an historic day for those who have long sought an appropriate monument to President Roosevelt.

This extraordinary island, which has been neglected for almost a century, is now being developed as a new town to house 20,000 New Yorkers in a carefully designed and integrated modern urban environment that emphasizes its river setting and includes a complete ban on private cars. The Four Freedoms Monument will stand at the southern tip of the island, almost directly across from the United Nations building.

Governor Averell Harriman is Honorary Chairman of a special committee of distinguished Americans who are sponsoring the day's program.

Handwritten mark It is my pleasure to invite you to join with me and the Committee in this dedication. At 10:30 A.M. on Monday, September 24, a boat will depart from Gracie Mansion (88th Street and East End Avenue) for a short cruise around the island to view the development plan. The boat will dock and the dedication ceremony will take place on the site where the Monument will be erected. Buses will then return all guests to Gracie Mansion for a buffet luncheon at 1:00 P.M.

I hope you will join us for this historic event. Please confirm as soon as possible by calling 212-566-2946.

Sincerely,

John V. Lindsay
John V. Lindsay
MAYOR

Tel: 566-5090

558-73

For Release
AM's Friday, September 21, 1973

Led by Mayor Lindsay, former New York Governor Averell Harriman and several members of President Roosevelt's family, friends and government, a group of more than 500 distinguished guests will travel to the newly-named Franklin D. Roosevelt Island next Monday (Sept. 24) to participate in ceremonies officially renaming and dedicating the Island in honor of the 32nd President of the United States (1933-45).

Among the highlights of the ceremony, which is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. at Gracie Mansion and move by boat to the Island, will be the first unveiling of the study model of a memorial to President Roosevelt that is to be built on the island opposite the United Nations.

The model has been designed by the renowned architect Louis Kahn under the sponsorship of the Four Freedoms Foundation. It will be the first major work by Mr. Kahn in New York City.

Monday's ceremony has been planned jointly by the Mayor's Office; the Urban Development Corporation (UDC), which is building a "new-town" on the Island; and a special honorary committee chaired by Governor Harriman and composed of some 40 distinguished citizens and former colleagues and relatives of the late President. The Mayor announced today the membership of the honorary FDR Island Day Committee:

Averell Harriman, Chairman

Marian Anderson
General Omar Bradley
Emanuel Celler
Benjamin Cohen
Thomas Corcoran
Jonathan Daniels
Justice William O. Douglas
David Dubinsky
Marriner Eccles
James Farley
Anna Roosevelt Halsted
Mrs. Lytle Hull
Josef C. James
Alf Landon
Joseph Lash
Mrs. Albert Lasker
Isador Lubin
Archibald MacLeish
Luis Munoz Marin

John McCormack
Robert Morgenthau, Jr.
Wright Patman
Claude Pepper
Joseph S. Robinson
A. Phillip Randolph
Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
James Roosevelt
John A. Roosevelt
Alex Rose
Marvin Rosenberg
James Rowe
Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.
Louis Stulburg
Marietta Tree
Mrs. Harry S. Truman
Harry Uviller
Robert F. Wagner
Roy Wilkins

(Other names may be added subsequently).

Mayor Lindsay will present Governor Harriman with a proclamation declaring Monday "Franklin D. Roosevelt Island Day" in New York City.

The Mayor will also present Diamond Jubilee medals to three men who have played major roles in the new-town being constructed on the Island:

Benno C. Schmidt, who headed the special committee appointed by the Mayor in January, 1968, to study ways in which the Island could be developed; architect Philip Johnson who designed the plan for the Island's revitalization; and Edward G. Logue, who in 1970 as President and Chief Executive Officer of the UDC took charge of the work now in progress there. (Since Mr. Logue will be out-of-town Monday due to an unbreakable speaking commitment, his medal will be accepted on his behalf by Alton G. Marshal, Chairman of the UDC board).

(more)

Mayor Lindsay will also present Mr. Schmidt with a new bronze plaque naming the Island in honor of President Roosevelt to be affixed to the bridge which leads from Queens to the Island.

The name of the 147-acre East River island was changed from Welfare to Franklin D. Roosevelt Island last Aug. 20 when Mayor Lindsay signed a City Council bill.

The name-change makes the Island the nation's first major memorial to the late President.

The new town being built by UDC will provide housing and public amenities for some 5,000 families. It is expected to be completed by 1980, the same time that the new 63rd Street subway line from Queens to Manhattan will be finished. The line will have a stop on the Island, giving it for the first time in its history a mass transit link to the two boroughs.

Monday's ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. when the press and invited guests board a Circle Line boat at the Gracie Mansion fire dock at 90th Street and the East River.

While the boat circles the Island, representatives of the UDC will explain details of the Island's ongoing development, and display renderings of the project.

The boat will dock on the Queens side of the Island and the guests will proceed by bus to the southern tip for the noon ceremony.

Afterwards they will return to Gracie Mansion for a private luncheon.

Speakers for the day include Mayor Lindsay, Governor Harriman, Vernon Jordan, President of Urban League, Joseph Robinson, director of Four Freedoms Foundation, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and Professor Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.

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Tel: 566-5090

566-73

For Immediate Release
Monday, September 24, 1973

Text of the "Franklin D. Roosevelt Island Day"
Proclamation.

The City of New York, in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States, today re-dedicates Welfare Island in his name.

This act signifies recognition for a man whose capacity for moral leadership gave much to our City, our State and our Nation. It also heralds the transformation of an island that has too long been forsaken.

It is altogether appropriate that Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose vision and vivacity re-invigorates and inspires this nation, should have named for him an island which is at last being reclaimed by and for the people of the City of New York.

On this sight, a monument, dedicated to the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt, will rise within view of the United Nations, the organization for world peace, of which he was the master architect.

Now, therefore, I, John V. Lindsay, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby proclaim September 24, 1973, as

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY"

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of The City of New York to be affixed.

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Tel: 566-5090

569-73

For Immediate Release
Monday, September 24, 1973

TEXT OF REMARKS BY MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY
"ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY" CEREMONIES
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ISLAND
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1973 12 NOON

It is a privilege and pleasure for me to join with the distinguished men and women gathered here today to honor the memory of one of history's greatest humanitarians and one of our greatest New Yorkers, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Not only can we commemorate his achievements on behalf of America at home and abroad, we can see the evidence of them all around us.

Just across the East River are the United Nations and the New Deal Public Housing Projects, both continuing testimony to his foresight, wisdom, and concern for mankind.

In the presence of these monuments to his accomplishments, and on the site of a future monument to his greatness, we are reminded of the valiant struggle he waged to preserve and advance our nation.

We in New York have inherited a legacy for action and compassion from this crusader for human dignity who was proud to call our city his home.

And New Yorkers owe much not only to Franklin D. Roosevelt but also to the Roosevelt Family. The first Roosevelt came to our shores in 1649. Since then his descendants have established an unequalled record of public service to our city. Without question the Roosevelts have always been one of the first families of the first city of the world.

This is why it is especially fitting that his family and friends are assembled here today to re-dedicate this island to the vision that Franklin D. Roosevelt foresaw for all mankind.

But most important, it is essential that we use this day and this memorial to ensure that his greatest legacy - the commitment of government to decency and compassion - will forever live in our city.

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LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 1973

No. 49

Introduced by Mr. Burden—

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to renaming Welfare island to be known as Franklin D. Roosevelt island.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2-1.0 of title A of the introductory chapter of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The borough of Manhattan shall consist of the territory known as New York county which shall contain all that part of the city and state, including the islands called Manhattan island, Governor's island, Bedloe's island, Ellis island, Franklin D. Roosevelt island, Randall's island and Oyster island, bounded by the following described line: Beginning at the northerly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river at the junction of the Hudson and Harlem rivers; thence along the northerly and easterly United States bulkhead lines of the Harlem river to the low-water mark on the westerly bank of the Spuyten Duyvil creek as it existed prior to its being filled in; thence along said low-water mark of Spuyten Duyvil creek to the easterly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river; thence southerly along the easterly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river to a point where said United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river intersects the northerly United States bulkhead line of the Bronx kills; thence along the northerly line of the United States bulkhead line of the Bronx kills to the intersection of the northerly United States bulkhead line of the East river; thence across the East river to the low-water mark on the shore of Long Island, so as to include Randall's island and Ward's island; thence along the low-water mark on the shore of Long island to the southerly side of Red Hook; thence across the Upper bay to the westerly boundary of the state; thence northerly along such westerly boundary of the state to a point where a perpendicular drawn from the point or place of beginning intersects such westerly boundary of the state; thence easterly along such perpendicular to the point or place of beginning; including all the islands or parts thereof situated within the aforescribed bounds.

§2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect or impair the jurisdiction of any court with respect to civil actions or proceedings pending at the time this act takes effect, nor with respect to the prosecution of crimes committed prior thereto, and all courts shall have and retain jurisdiction of such actions, proceedings and prosecutions the same as though this act had not become a law.

§3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment into law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, S.S. :

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on July 19, 1973, and approved by the Mayor on August 20, 1973.

HERMAN KATZ, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW SECTION 27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27, I hereby certify that the enclosed local law (Local Law 49 of 1973, Council Int. 1194) contains the correct text and:

Received the following vote at the meeting of the New York City Council on July 19, 1973: 31 for; none against.

Was approved by the Mayor on August 20, 1973.

Was returned to the City Clerk on August 20, 1973.

NORMAN REDLICH, Corporation Counsel.

Tel: 566-5090

486-73

For Immediate Release
Monday, August 20, 1973

Mayor John V. Lindsay today signs legislation to change the name of Welfare Island to Franklin D. Roosevelt Island, marking the nation's first major memorial in honor of the late President.

Simultaneously at today's ceremony at City Hall, the Mayor also announced the appointment of former Governor Averell Harriman as chairman of a committee of distinguished citizens and former associates of the President to plan an official City celebration of the naming of Franklin D. Roosevelt Island. The event will take place on the island in late September. Former Governor Harriman is a long-time friend of the Roosevelt family and served as Ambassador to Russia under President Roosevelt.

Legislation to rename the island in honor of the late President was passed unanimously by the City Council on July 19.

Mayor Lindsay said:

"Today we change the name of 147 acres of New York City from Welfare Island to Franklin Delano Roosevelt Island.

"This small act signifies two far greater ones -- recognition of a great man who gave much to our city, our state, our country, and the world; and recognition of the redevelopment that is transforming an island of approximately 3500 hospital patients into a new community.

"It is appropriate that Franklin Roosevelt, champion of 'the forgotten man,' should have named for him a forgotten island--an island which is at last being reclaimed by and for the people of the City of New York.

"Plans are presently under way to build a memorial which will transform a rubble heap on the south end of the island into a beautiful two-and-a-half acre park and monument. We will build it in the shadow of the U.N., which Franklin Roosevelt did so much to build. Ceremonies next month will dedicate the site of this memorial, which is due to be completed a few years from now."

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This public hearing is on Introductory Number 1194, introduced by Councilman Burden, which will change the name of Welfare Island to Franklin D. Roosevelt Island,

Is there anyone to be heard in opposition?

Is there anyone to be heard in favor?

There being no one (else) to be heard,

this hearing is closed.

Welfare Island is presently undergoing extensive redevelopment, much of it in accordance with recommendations of a 1969 citizens' commission. Numerous persons and organizations have requested that at long last the Island be renamed in honor of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt in tribute to a man who was known and beloved the world over as a skilled and forceful leader, dedicated peacemaker, and committed New Yorker.

Welfare Island--located in sight of the United Nations which Franklin D. Roosevelt did so much to create and of which New York is so justly proud--will soon be renamed Franklin D. Roosevelt Island.

I am delaying action today on this bill until 10:30 A.M. on August 20th, when I shall take great pleasure in signing Intro. 1194 as part of a ceremony being held on Welfare Island in conjunction with the Urban Development Corporation, members and associates of the Roosevelt family and many of our New York City and State officials.

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Int. No. 1194

Report of the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, in Favor of Adopting a Local Law to Amend the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in Relation to Renaming Welfare Island to be Known as Franklin Roosevelt Island.

The Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, to which was referred on April 12, 1973 (Minutes, page 749), the annexed local law, respectfully

REPORTS:

This local law would amend the Administrative Code so as to re-name Welfare Island, to be thereafter known as Franklin D. Roosevelt Island.

In the early 1600s, the island was known as Variken Island. Variken is the Dutch word for "hogs," and the island was, in fact, used as a pasture for swine.

When the English took control of New Amsterdam, the island was re-named Perkins Island.

One of the owners in the chain of title, Robert Blackwell, re-named the island in his own honor—Blackwell Island. The island bore his name until 1921.

The City of New York acquired the island from the Blackwell family in 1828 and thereafter constructed charitable and corrective institutions upon it.

By 1921, the reputation of the workhouse and penitentiary had attained such notoriety that the Board of Aldermen, in a closed session, changed the name of Blackwells' to Welfare Island.

Accordingly, your committee recommends its adoption.

A LOCAL LAW to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to renaming Welfare Island to be known as Franklin D. Roosevelt Island.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2-1.0 of title A of the introductory chapter of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The borough of Manhattan shall consist of the territory known as New York county which shall contain all that part of the city and state, including the islands called Manhattan island, Governor's island, Redloe's island, Ellis Island, [Welfare] *Franklin D. Roosevelt Island*, Randall's island and Oyster island, bounded by the following described line: Beginning at the northerly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river at the junction of the Hudson and Harlem rivers; thence along the northerly and easterly United State bulkhead lines of the Harlem river to the low-water mark on the westerly bank of the Spuyten Duyvil creek as it existed prior to its being filled in; thence along said low-water mark of Spuyten Duyvil creek to the easterly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river; thence southerly along the easterly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river to a point where said United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river intersects the northerly United States bulkhead line of the Bronx kills; thence along the northerly line of the United States bulkhead line of the Bronx kills to the intersection of the northerly United States bulkhead line of the East river; thence across the East river to the low-water mark on the shore of Long Island, so as to include Randall's island and Ward's island; thence along the low-water mark on the shore of Long island to the southerly side of Red Hook; thence across the Upper bay to the westerly boundary of the state; thence northerly along such westerly boundary of the state to a point or place of beginning intersects such westerly boundary of the state; thence easterly along such perpendicular to the point or place of beginning; including all the islands or parts thereof situated within the aforescribed bounds.

§ 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect or impair the jurisdiction of any court with respect to civil actions or proceedings pending at the time this act takes effect, nor with respect to the prosecution of crimes committed prior thereto, and all courts shall have and retain jurisdiction of such actions, proceedings and prosecutions the same as though this act had not become a law.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment into law.

BARRY SALMAN, Chairman; WAITER R. WARD, THEODORE SILVERMAN, MURIEL L. STROMBERG, MORTON POYMAN, FREDERICK W. RICHMOND, Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, July 17, 1973.

40 7/17/73

Tel: 566-5090

433-73

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, July 17, 1973

STATEMENT BY MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY

I am delighted that the City Council Parks and Recreation Committee has voted to honor the memory of Franklin Roosevelt by renaming Welfare Island for him.

His achievements are part of the legacy of mankind. People the world over knew him as an inspirational leader, but we knew him also as a New Yorker who contributed greatly to life in our City.

Franklin Roosevelt Island -- in sight of the United Nations he did so much to create -- is undergoing extensive redevelopment today. One thousand units of housing, a garage and the 63rd Street subway station are all in construction.

We are exploring proposals for a suitable memorial to Franklin Roosevelt on the Island.

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I think there
may be some
movement in
direction
MZ

March 25, 1971

Mrs. Mary Kalomeris
Mr. William Vengen
P. S. 401 M.
Goldwater Memorial Hospital
Welfare Island, New York 10017

Dear Mrs. Kalomeris:

Thank you for your letter about the new name for Welfare Island. I think your suggestions are interesting and will certainly be considered. I enclose with this letter a copy of a letter from Harnon Goldstone, Chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which presents a strong argument for using the Island's historic name, Blackwell.

Sincerely,

Timothy Seldes

CC: Hon. Thomas Cuite ✓



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION
305 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007
Telephone: 566-7577

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3/25

December 1, 1970

Mr. Paul Byard
Urban Development Corporation
1345 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10019

Dear Paul:

Among the ten basic recommendations of the February 1969 Benno C. Schmidt report on Welfare Island is that the island should be renamed. I heartily concur, but only on condition that the name revert to Blackwell's Island.

The island's history and the connection of the Blackwell family with it may be summarized as follows:

- 1668 - Captain John Manning, patentée of the island from the English Governor Nicholls.
- 1668-1762 - Known as Manning's Island despite the ill-repute of Capt. Manning who was accused of complicity in the surrender of New York to the Dutch, and despite the fact that in 1676 Mary Manning, step-daughter of John Manning, married Robert Blackwell and entailed her estate, including the island to her children. Robert and Mary Blackwell actually lived on the island, and in
- 1700 he is referred to as "Robert Blackwell of Manning's Island." But his children and grandchildren rented the island to others while they lived on the family farm at Newtown across the East River.
- 1762 is the earliest datable reference to "Blackwell's Island" though it had belonged to the Blackwell family at least since the beginning of the century.
- c.1783 Several members of the Blackwell family returned to live the island. Among them was James Blackwell, whose house, c.1796-1804, is still standing. He raised his family here, farmed the land and worked the granite quarries.

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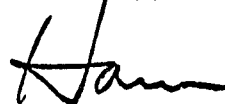
- In the spring of
- 1823 he conveyed the island to James L. Bell, but bought it back at auction in
- 1825 after Bell had defaulted on the mortgage.
- 1828 Blackwell sold the island to New York City which continued to use the name "Blackwell's Island" until
- 1921 when, in the wake of a public scandal, the name was changed to "Welfare Island" to cast a rosy glow, it may be surmized, over the hospitals, prisons and other institutions the City had built there during the past century.

Thus the name "Blackwell's Island" appears historically appropriate because the island belonged to the Blackwell family for over a century and a quarter; because one of the family houses still stands on it and because this was the name that was actually used for a longer period than any other.

I feel strongly that place names should not be changed capriciously. They are links with the past; they give people a sense of continuity. In our fluid and rootless society, there is all the more reason to hang on to whatever moorings we have. And changes in place names are almost always silly and seldom stick. You need only consider "Avenue of the Americas", "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Drive", "Chase Manhattan Plaza" or, for that matter, "Welfare Island", to see what I mean.

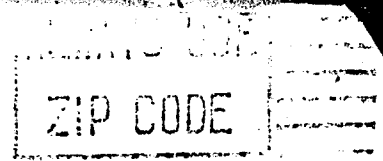
Now that you are bringing new life to this long neglected but fascinating piece of real estate, I can think of no better time to tie it psychologically back into the City than to restore its traditional, appropriate and historically justified name of "Blackwell's Island."

Sincerely,



Harmon H. Goldstone
Chairman

Welfare Island Development Corporation
1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019



Hon. Thomas Cuite
Vice-Chairman & Majority Leader of the City Council
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Submitted By: Paul Jason

T H E C O U N C I L
REPORT OF LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION
COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

INTR. NO. 1221

By: Mr. Gaeta

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: Amends section B4-90.0, "Richmond; change certain street name."

DATA: This local law should amend the administrative code so as to re-name Whitewood Avenue, Borough of Richmond, from the westerly side of Metropolitan Avenue to the easterly side of Bard Avenue, to Sunset Hill Drive.

Whitewood Avenue, as it presently exists, does not run in a straight line. At the point where Whitewood Avenue intersects with Bard Avenue it becomes disjointed. This fact creates confusion in terms of addresses. This bill would solve the problem by re-naming that portion which continues eastward of Bard Avenue and runs to Metropolitan Avenue.

COMMENTS: John E. Zuccotti, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, advises that the description of the new street name, "Sunset Hill Drive," conforms to the City Map.

Richmond Borough President Robert T. Connor approves of the proposed legislation.

OK (MS)

THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

Int. No. 1221

April 30, 1973

Introduced by Mr. Gaeta—read and referred to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to Street name, Sunset Hill drive, borough of Richmond.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1 Section 1. Section B4-90.0 of the administrative code of the city of New York is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto a new designation to read as follows:

3 § B4-90.0 **Richmond: Change certain street name.**—The following street name
4 is hereby designated as hereinafter indicated:

6	New Name	Present Name	Limits
8	Sunset Hill drive	Whitewood avenue	Westerly side of Metropolitan avenue to the easterly side of Bard Avenue.

12 §2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Submitted by: Paul Jason

T H E C O U N C I L

REPORT OF LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

INTRO. NO. 1194

By: Mr. Burden

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: Amends subdivision 1 of section 2-1.0 of title A of the introductory chapter.

DATA: This local law would amend the administrative code so as to re-name Welfare Island, to be thereafter known as Franklin Roosevelt Island.

In the early 1600s, the island was known as Variken Island. Variken is the Dutch word for "hogs," and the island was, in fact, used as a pasture for swine.

When the English took control of New Amsterdam, the island was re-named Perkins Island.

One of the owners in the chain of title, Robert Blackwell, re-named the island in his own honor - Blackwell Island. The island bore his name until 1921.

The City of New York acquired the island from the Blackwell family in 1828 and thereafter constructed charitable and corrective institutions upon it.

By 1921, the reputation of the workhouse and penitentiary had attained such notoriety that the Board of Aldermen, in a closed session, changed the name from Blackwells' to Welfare Island.

COMMENT: John F. Zuccotti, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, has advised that the description of Welfare Island, to be known as Franklin Roosevelt Island, conforms to the City Map, and that the Commission is strongly in favor of this local law.

The Manhattan Borough Presidents' Office supports this legislation.

NOTE: It is suggested that the bill be amended to provide that the late president's middle initial be included in the new name, so as to be consistent with the highway bearing his name and with standard usage.

OK / AB

THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

Int. No. 1194

April 12, 1973

Introduced by Mr. Burden—read and referred to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to renaming Welfare Island to be known as Franklin Roosevelt Island.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2-1.0 of title A of the introductory chapter
- 2 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 1. The borough of Manhattan shall consist of the territory known as New York
- 4 county which shall contain all that part of the city and state, including the islands called
- 5 Manhattan island, Governor's island, Bedloe's island, Ellis Island, [Welfare] *Franklin*
- 6 *Roosevelt Island*, Randall's island and Oyster island, bounded by the following described
- 7 line: Beginning at the northerly United States bulkhead line of the Harlem river at the
- 8 junction of the Hudson and Harlem rivers; thence along the northerly and easterly
- 9 United States bulkhead lines of the Harlem river to the low-water mark on the westerly
- 10 bank of the Spuyten Duyvil creek as it existed prior to its being filled in; thence along
- 11 said low-water mark of Spuyten Duyvil creek to the easterly United States bulkhead line
- 12 of the Harlem river; thence southerly along the easterly United States bulkhead line
- 13 of the Harlem river to a point where said United States bulkhead line of the Harlem
- 14 river intersects the northerly United States bulkhead line of the Bronx kills; thence
- 15 along the northerly line of the United States bulkhead line of the Bronx kills to the
- 16 intersection of the northerly United States bulkhead line of the East river; thence
- 17 across the East river to the low-water mark on the shore of Long Island, so as to
- 18 include Randall's island and Ward's island; thence along the low-water mark on the

1 shore of Long island to the southerly side of Red Hook; thence across the Upper bay
2 to the westerly boundary of the state; thence northerly along such westerly boundary
3 of the state to a point where a perpendicular drawn from the point or place of begin-
4 ning intersects such westerly boundary of the state; thence easterly along such perpen-
5 dicular to the point or place of beginning; including all the islands or parts thereof
6 situated within the aforescribed bounds.

7 §2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect or impair the jurisdiction of
8 any court with respect to civil actions or proceedings pending at the time this act takes
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10 courts shall have and retain jurisdiction of such actions, proceedings and prosecutions
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OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

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EUGENE J. BOCKMAN, *Director* May 30, 1973

Honorable Edward A. Morrison
Deputy Mayor-City Administrator
The City of New York
Office of the Mayor
250 Broadway
New York, N. Y. 10007

Intro. # 1194

Dear Mr. Morrison:

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Yours truly,

Steven L. Weissmann
STEVEN L. WEISSMANN
LEGISLATIVE LIBRARIAN

slw/am

J. H. WHITNEY & CO.
630 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020

July 2, 1973

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
c/o General Delivery
Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts 02568

Dear Franklin:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I would appreciate it if you would write Councilman Carter Burden and advise him that you approve the renaming of Welfare Island, Franklin Roosevelt Island. I am enclosing copies of letters from Carter Burden and Stanley Friedman indicating that they would like such an expression on behalf of the family. I think it would be a good idea if you send a copy of your letter to Carter Burden directly to Stanley Friedman.

I think the Carter Burden letter should be addressed to the Lexington Avenue office indicated on his letterhead, and the Stanley Friedman copy should be addressed to The Council of The City of New York, City Hall, New York, N.Y. 10007.

I hope that with this approval in hand the name change will clear the Council expeditiously.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Benno C. Schmidt

cc: Hon. Carter Burden
Mr. Stanley Friedman

*Hope you and Felicia have
a great summer.
Our best,
Benno*

CLOVE CREEK FARM
POUGHQUAG, NEW YORK 12570

9 July 1973

Hon. Carter Burden
Councilman, 4th Dist.
Manhattan
1457 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10028

Dear Carter:

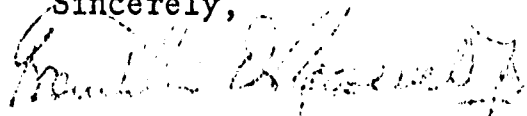
I understand that you have submitted legislation to the Council of the City of New York to rename Welfare Island the Franklin D. Roosevelt Island in honor and in memory of my late father, President Franklin D. Roosevelt. I understand from Mr. Benno Schmidt, Chairman of the Welfare Island Corporation, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation have approved of this change subject to the passage of your legislation by the City Council.

On behalf of my family and myself I wish to express our deep appreciation to you for submitting this legislation. I am certain that no authorization by my family is required in any way. However, I am pleased to inform you that my family wholeheartedly supports this change of name and we, of course, hope that the City Council will act favorably on your legislation. Therefore, we not only approve but we support your proposal.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Stanley Friedman, Associate Counsel to the Vice Chairman of the City Council, with a request that he submit this letter to the Parks Committee of the Council at its meeting later this month. I am also sending a copy to Mr. Benno Schmidt for his information.

With warm, personal regards,

Sincerely,



Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

FDRjr/ml

(Dictated by Mr. Roosevelt, but signed in his absence)

June 22, 1973

Hon. Percy Sutton, President
Borough of Manhattan
Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007

Re: Int. No. 1194

Dear Mr. Borough President:

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and we await your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

STANLEY M. FRIEDMAN
Associate Counsel

SMF:alm
Enc.



PERCY E. SUTTON
PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN
CITY OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

June 25, 1973

Stanley M. Friedman, Esq.
Associate Counsel
The Council
City Hall
New York, N. Y. 10007

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 18, 1973 relative to proposed local law Int. No. 1194, by Mr. Burden, which would rename Welfare Island as "Franklin Roosevelt Island"; please be advised that this office is in support of this legislation which seeks to name the Island more appropriately.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilbert A. Tatum".

WILBERT A. TATUM
Deputy Borough President (Acting)



MUNICIPAL REFERENCE AND RESEARCH CENTER
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007



EUGENE J. BOCKMAN, *Director*

June 24, 1973
(Orig. mailed 5/30/73)

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Associate Counsel to Vice-Chairman
Vice Chairman of the Council
City Hall
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2 LAFAYETTE STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

May 30, 1973

Stanley M. Friedman, Esq.
Associate Counsel
Vice Chairman of the Council
City Hall
New York, N. Y. 10007

Dear Sir:

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The Commission is strongly in favor and will support the Local Law.

Sincerely,

John E. Zuccotti
Chairman



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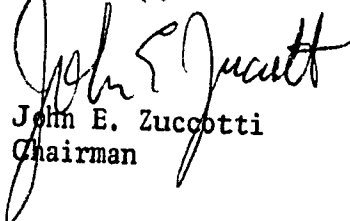
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REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION

PLC

VICE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

JUN 20 1973

Five Copies To:

Edward A. Morrison
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250 Broadway
New York, N. Y. 10007

Use a separate form for each bill

1. IDENTIFYING DATA (As printed on face of bill)

Intro No.: 1194

Introducer (s) Mr. Burden

Res. No.:

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4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION OR DISAPPROVAL

May 30, 1973

Date

/s/ Zuccotti
Signature of Authorized Officer

Chairman - PLC
Title

June 22, 1973

TO: HON. CARTER BURDEN

re: Int. No. 1194

Dear Carter:

Sometime during July we anticipate a Parks meeting and will probably include this bill for consideration. At that time or prior thereto, it is suggested that some written communication from the Roosevelt family be available indicating their support and/or approval of this change.

Kind regards,

June 22, 1973

Mr. Eugene J. Bockman, Director
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Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007

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SMF:alm
Enc.

1194

B. P. Frank.

City Plan.

Mem Ref Library

May 18, 1973

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STANLEY M. FRIEDMAN
Associate Counsel

SMF:alm
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May 18, 1973

Mr. John E. Zuccotti, Chairman
City Planning Commission
2 Lafayette Street
New York, New York

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY HALL
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

CARTER BURDEN
COUNCILMAN, 4TH DISTRICT, MANHATTAN
1457 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028
427-4405

CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE
ON PENAL AND JUDICIAL REFORM

June 14, 1973

Hon. Thomas J. Cuite
Council Majority Leader
The Council of the City of
New York
City Hall
New York, N. Y. 10007

Dear Tom:

I thought you would find the enclosed letter from Ed Logue regarding INT. NO. 1194 of interest. I hope we can move forward with the renaming of Welfare Island in the very near future.

Warm regards,


Carter Burden

CB:bb
enc.

1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019 / (212) 974-5944

Edward J. Logue
President and Chief Executive Officer

June 4, 1973

Hon. Carter Burden
Councilman, 4th District,
Manhattan
1457 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10028

Dear Mr. ~~Carter~~ Burden:

I understand that the bill you introduced in the City Council, No. 1194, to change the name of Welfare Island to Franklin Roosevelt Island has been referred to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

As you know, the Directors of the Welfare Island Development Corporation some months ago adopted a resolution authorizing me to seek City Council action in changing the name of Welfare Island to Franklin D. Roosevelt Island.

We now have over 2,000 units of housing under construction on Welfare Island plus a wide range of public facilities, including five schools, day care centers, a 1,000 car parking garage and the first of five major parks. Another park, a memorial to Franklin Roosevelt, under the sponsorship of the Four Freedoms Foundation is under design development.

We expect to begin a major public information and marketing program for the development during this summer. In the meantime, detailed plans for this program are in the making. An important first step in this marketing program

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Sincerely,

(D) Loser

New York State
Urban Development Corporation

1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019 / (212) 974-5944

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June 4, 1973

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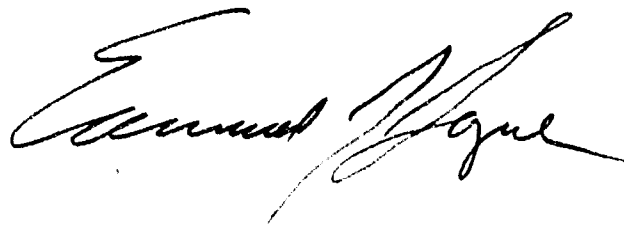
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THE COUNCIL

The City of New York

Int. No. 1194

April 12, 1973

Introduced by Mr. Burden—read and referred to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to renaming Welfare Island to be known as Franklin Roosevelt Island.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JOHN V. LINDSAY

CITY HALL

NEW YORK CITY

Tel: 566-5090

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For Release

PM's Saturday, January 20, 1973

Mayor John V. Lindsay announced today that he will submit a proposal to the City Council to rename Welfare Island in honor of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mayor Lindsay said:

"The achievements of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt are part of the legacy of mankind.

"People all over the world knew them as leaders and as peace-makers, but we knew them also as New Yorkers.

"Their roots in our City were deep indeed, and we have the opportunity to sustain the memory of these two beloved citizens in our City, just as their accomplishments will endure throughout the world.

"I believe most New Yorkers will agree that a fitting memorial to honor Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt is long overdue.

"Therefore, I propose that Welfare Island -- in sight of the United Nations which they did so much to create and of which New York is so justly proud -- be renamed, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Island."

The Mayor added:

"At the same time, I am exploring proposals for a memorial to the Roosevelts on the Island itself with Ed Logue, President of the Urban Development Corporation and Benno Schmidt, Chairman of the Board of its subsidiary, the Welfare Island Development Corporation, which is developing the Island. I believe this change will also add further meaning to the total reconstruction and rebirth of the Island that is now underway."

Welfare Island, a 147 acre of land lying in the East River under the Queensborough Bridge is undergoing extensive redevelopment in accordance with 1969 recommendations of a citizens commission, chaired by Mr. Schmidt, appointed by Mayor Lindsay. The architectural master plan was developed by the distinguished firm of Philip Johnson and Don Burgee also in 1969.

5,000 units of housing together with commercial and retail space and extensive community and park space are projected for the Island. 1,000 units of housing, a parking garage and the new 63rd street subway station on Welfare Island are now under construction.

The Bill to rename the Island has been prepared by the Corporation Counsel's office and will be introduced in the Council shortly.

Stan Friedman
F.Y.I.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

February 27, 1973

Honorable Barry Salman
Councilman
955 Walton Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

File

Dear Barry:

I have taken under advisement your recent suggestion for a change of name for Welfare Island.

As you are well aware, I announced on January 20th that I would submit legislation to the City Council--which undoubtedly will be assigned to your Committee--to rename the Island in honor of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. The legislation has been drafted by the Corporation Counsel and is being transmitted to the Council today.

I am more than ever persuaded of the significance of proceeding with this lasting tribute to the Roosevelts. That there are now at least two other former Presidents to honor does not dilute the enormous debt we all owe Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, both of whom were New Yorkers and both of whom enriched our City and our lives.

When this measure comes before your Committee, I hope that you will give it your full support, and I urge you to add your name as sponsor of the bill.

I hope you will join with me on this matter now. Passage of this bill will honor two great individuals and help give the exciting development of this Island new meaning.

Sincerely,

John V. Lindsay
MAYOR

cc: Robert Heller
Jane Kosloff
Robert Laird
Stanley Friedman

THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY HALL
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

BARRY SALMAN
COUNCILMAN, 11TH DISTRICT, BRONX
59 EAST 161ST STREET
BRONX, N. Y. 10451
681-1800

January 30th, 1973.

John V. Lindsay
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I recently read of your intentions to submit legislation to the City Council requesting the change of name of Welfare Island to Roosevelt Island.

Though I believe the Roosevelts were great Americans and history and our people should remember them, I question whether Welfare Island should be named after one great American.

At a time in history when our Nation and World have recently lost the only two surviving Presidents of the United States, Presidents Truman and Johnson, I think it most appropriate to create a living testimonial to all our Presidents.

I, therefore, suggest for your review the possibility of re-naming Welfare Island - "Presidents Island" and suggest either the buildings or streets located on the island be named for Franklin D. Roosevelt or any other President of the United States.

Very truly yours,

BS:jd

Barry Salnan,
Councilman, 11th C.D.

cc:
Martha Holstein
Deputy Mayor's Office
250 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007

Int. No. 1194

By Mr. Burden—

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